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Amendments to the Claims

The following is a listing of claims in this application:

1. (original): A cap (1) for removable attachment to a barrel end of projectile firing equipment (2) which allows substantially unaffected firing of said projectile firing equipment, wherein said barrel end is perpendicular to a direction of firing of said projectile firing equipment, characterized by:

a central convex portion (6) which covers an aperture of said barrel end; and  
a peripheral edge portion (5) joined peripherally to said central convex portion (6) and adapted to be removably attached, via an attachment means, to said barrel end and having a substantially similar form as said barrel end.

2. (previously amended): A cap (1) according to claim 1 wherein said attachment means comprises an adhesive on said edge portion (5).

3. (previously amended): A cap (1) according to claim 1 wherein said edge portion (5) comprises an intermediate portion (7) and an adhesive portion (8), characterized in that, when said cap (1) is attached to said barrel end, said adhesive portion (8) contacts said barrel end, and said intermediate portion (7) lies between said adhesive portion (8) and said convex portion (6), and characterized in that said intermediate portion (7) is made of a material which is compatible with both said convex portion (6) and said adhesive portion (8).

4. (previously amended): A cap (1) according to claim 3 wherein said intermediate portion (7) and said adhesive portion (8) comprise a tape having said adhesive portion (8) on one side thereof and said intermediate portion (7) on an opposite side thereof.

5. (previously amended): A cap (1) according to claim 3 wherein said intermediate portion (7) is formed of aluminum.

6. (previously amended): A cap (1) according to claim 1 wherein said cap (1) provides an air- and water-tight seal when said cap (1) is attached to said barrel end.

7. (previously amended): A cap (1) according claim 1 wherein said cap (1) is resistant to puncture.

8. (previously amended): A cap (1) according to claim 1 wherein said cap (1) comprises a tab (10) for gripping by a user, characterized in that said tab (10), when said cap (1) is attached to said barrel end, extends beyond said barrel end in a direction substantially perpendicular to said direction of firing of said projectile firing equipment.

9. (previously amended): A cap (1) according to claim 1 whercin said convex portion (6) comprises a plastic material.

10. (previously amended): A cap (1) according to claim 1 wherein the height of said convex portion (6) is from 1/16 to 1/8 inch

11. (previously amended): A cap (1) according to claim 1 wherein said edge portion (5) and said convex portion (6) are circular.

12. (previously amended): A cap (1) according to claim 11 wherein the radius of curvature of said convex portion (6) is from 9/16 to 33/32 inch.

13. (previously amended): A cap (1) according to claim 11 wherein the diameter of said convex portion (6) is substantially 1/2 inch.

14. (previously amended): A cap (1) according to claim 1 wherein said cap (1) is provided with a registration number thereon to identify the firing of the projectile firing equipment.

15. (currently amended): A cap (1) according to claim 1 wherein said cap (1) is camouflaged or luminescent [[comprises camouflage coloring]].

16. (cancelcd)

17. (previously amended): A storage pad (11), having a substantially planar surface upon which one or a plurality of caps (1) according to claim 1 can be removably attached, said surface being so structured to removably hold said caps (1), such that said caps (1), when removed from said surface are ready for application to barrel end of a barrel.